

Further, the specification and claims 18 and 19 have been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added.

Claims 17-20 and 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kanematsu et al in view of Hirofumi et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants note Kanematsu et al is assigned to Ricoh Company, Ltd., which is the same assignee of the present invention. Accordingly, Kanematsu et al is disqualified as prior art against the claimed invention effective November 29, 1999 (see MPEP § 706.02 (l)(1)). A separate statement of common ownership is enclosed herewith as required by MPEP § 706.02 (l)(1)(II).

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please replace the paragraph on page 17, lines 8-15, with the following new paragraph:

--Further, when the imperfect transfer portion 141 is formed on the side surface other than the first and the second optical surfaces 111 and 113, the optical surfaces can be formed with high accuracy. In addition, as shown in FIG. 7A, the first side wall 31 is disposed between the slide cavity piece 55 and the first transfer surface [31] 21. Therefore, the first [transfer] optical surface 111 is not directly brought into contact with the periphery of the imperfect transfer portion 141. In other words, the imperfect transfer portion 141 does not reach the first transfer surface 111. Accordingly, the plastic lens 3A can be formed with low deformation and high accuracy.--

IN THE CLAIMS

--18. (Twice Amended) The plastic molding according to claim 17, wherein the imperfect transfer portion is formed in a portion other than the at least one transfer surface.

19. (Twice Amended) The plastic molding according to claim 18, wherein the imperfect transfer portion is formed in an extension-surface of the at least one transfer surface.--

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